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SUBJECT: DEPSEC SOUTH ASIAN TRIP: KABUL PROGRAM

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1. DCM SAW CHIEF OF PROTOCOL GHAUSSI APRIL 12 TO TRY TO CONFIRM SCHEDULE. GHAUSSI NOW HAS SOME PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE FROM PRIMIN AND PALACE, BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT FINAL AGREEMENT ON DETAILS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BEFORE NEXT WEEK. (UNUSUALLY LONG AFGHAN HOLIDAY WEEKEND BEGINS APRIL 12 AND WILL EXTEND THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 16.) SCHEDULE CHANGES OUTLINED BELOW REPRESENT AGREEMENT " AD REFERENDUM" WITH GHAUSSI, BUT CANNOT BE REGARDED AS FINAL.

2. RGA WISHES MEETING WITH KING TO FOLLOW LUNCHEON RATHER THAN PRECEDE. REASON UNCLEAR, BUT GHAUSSI SAYS THIS NOT LIKELY TO BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. RESULT WILL BE MORE TIME BEFORE LUNCHEON FOR MEETING WITH SHAFIQ, BUT UNFORTUNATELY LESS TIME FOR RELAXATION OR SIGHTSEEING IN AFTERNOON. WE HAVE TURNED OFF IDEA OF INCLUDING WIVES IN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON, LEAVING THEM FREE FOR WIVES PROGRAM AS OUTLINED REF B. (IF WIVES WISH ATTEND FONMIN LUNCH, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE EASY TO REVERSE FIELD.)

3. UNDER PRESENT UNDERSTANDING WITH GHAUSSI, MEN' S PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

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1135 ARRIVE KABUL; MET BY HIGH RANKING FONMIN OFFICIAL (NOT YET IDENTIFIED); NO AIRPORT FORMALITIES

1150-1300 MEET WITH PRIMIN SHAFIQ AT OFFICE EITHER IN FONMIN OR PRIMIN (SHAFIQ WILL PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT HAVE OTHER CABINET OFFICIALS WITH HIM, BUT WILL PREFER HANDLE DISCUSSIONS ALONE, PERHAPS WITH ONE FONMIN OFFICIAL.) ASSUME AT MINIMUM US PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE DEPSEC, SISCO, AND AMB, WITH LAINGEN, DCM LEWIS, AND VELIOTES TO BE ADDED (IN THAT ORDER) IF ONE OR MORE ADDITIONAL ON US SIDE ACCEPTABLE TO SHAFIQ. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT.

1300-1445 INFORMAL LUNCHEON AT FONMINISTRY, HOSTED BY PRIMIN. US GUESTS TO INCLUDE DEPSEC, SISCO, AMB, LAINGEN VELIOTES, SAMUELS, LEWIS.

1450-1515 CALL ON HM KING ZAHIR AT PALACE (DEPSEC, SISCO, AMB, POSSIBLY PLUS LAINGEN, LEWIS) AMBASSADOR AND POSSIBLY RGA OFFICIAL WILL ACT AS INTERPRETERS.

1520-1540 BRIEF SIGHTSEEING DRIVE OR REST PERIOD AT RESIDENCE

1540-1600 INFORMAL MEETING AT RESIDENCE WITH SENIOR MISSION STAFF

1610 PRESS CONFERENCE, VIP LOUNGE AIRPORT

1630 DEPARTURE FOR ISLAMABAD

4. WIVES SCHEDULE WOULD BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

1135 ARRIVE KABUL

1145-1300 DRIVING CITY TOUR, DRIVE TO PAGHMAN, RETURN TO RESTAURANT AT KARGHA LAKE

1300-1410 LUNCHEON AT KARGHA

1410-1445 RETURN TO CITY

1445 MEET MEN' S PARTY AT PALACE FOR INTRODUCTION

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1500-1615 RELAX AT RESIDENCE (SHOPPING TRIP OPTIONAL

ENROUTE TO AIRPORT)

1630 DEPARTURE FOR ISLAMABAD

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON CHANGES IN PASSENGER LIST TEHRAN/
KABUL, PER STATE 063414.

6. VISA AND CUSTOMS FORMALITIES WILL BE WAIVED. PARTY NEED NOT RPT
NOT HAVE AFGHAN VISAS.

7. NEED RELATIVE PROTOCOL RANKING FOR LAINGEN, VELIOTES, AND
SAMUELS FOR LUNCHEON SEATING.

8. TENTATIVE SCHEDULES ABOVE ALLOW FOR NECESSARY DRIVING
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